D.T.E. 05-31 August 4, 2005

Joint Petition of Boston Edison Company, Cambridge Electric Light Company, and Commonwealth Electric Company d/b/a NSTAR Electric for approval by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy, pursuant to G.L. c. 25, § 19 and G.L. c. 25A, § 11G, of its 2005 Energy Efficiency Plan.

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

On April 14, 2005, Boston Edison Company, Cambridge Electric Light Company, and Commonwealth Electric Company d/b/a NSTAR Electric ("Company") filed with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") its 2005 Energy Efficiency Plan ("Plan"). The Plan was filed pursuant to G.L. c. 25, § 19, G.L. c. 25A, § 11G, and Order Promulgating Final Guidelines to Evaluate and Approve Energy Efficiency Programs, D.T.E. 98-100 (2000) ("Guidelines"). The Plan includes programs for residential customers, for low-income customers, and commercial and industrial customers, as well as a program providing customers with zero percent financing of the entire cost of their energy efficiency improvements. The Company's Plan also proposes budgets for these initiatives for 2005.

The Division of Energy Resources ("DOER"), pursuant to G.L. c. 25A, § 11G and the Guidelines at § 6.2, reviewed the Plan and filed a report on June 27, 2005 with the Department and the Company ("DOER Report"). The Department will investigate whether the Plan is consistent with G.L. c. 25, § 19, G.L. c. 25A, § 11G, and the Guidelines.

A copy of the Company's filing and the DOER Report are on file at the Department's offices, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts for public view during business hours. Copies are also on file for public view at NSTAR Electric, One NSTAR Way, Westwood, MA 02090-9230. Any person desiring further information regarding the Company's filing should contact counsel for the Company, David S. Rosenzweig, Esq., at (617) 951-1400. Any person desiring further information regarding this notice should contact Jody M. Stiefel, Hearing Officer, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, at (617) 305-3500.

Any persons wishing to submit written comments on the Company's filing should file an original and four (4) copies of comments with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary to the Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110, not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Thursday, August 25, 2005**. One copy must also be sent to David S. Rosenzweig, Esq., Keegan Werlin LLP, 265 Franklin Street, Boston, MA 02110.

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All written comments should also be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to dte.efiling@state.ma.us and jody.stiefel@state.ma.us, or (2) on a 3.5" disk. The text of the e-mail or the disk label must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding, (D.T.E. 05-31), (2) name of the person or company submitting the filing, and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic filing should also include the name, title and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Text responses should be created in either Corel WordPerfect, Microsoft Word, or as an Adobe-compatible PDF file. Data or spreadsheet responses should be compatible with Microsoft Excel. All comments submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's Web site: http://www.mass.gov/dte/.